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The President's Message:

New Year's Greetings to you all! May the year 1991 be a very good year for everyone; and to get it off to a good start, Leo Gay has a very interesting speaker for our first meeting.

I would like to mention that while we try to have our meetings on the third Friday of the odd numbered months, except July, sometimes it just doesn't work out--such as for this meeting. As you hang your new calendars, or start your new appointment books, mark the third Friday of January, March, May, September, November for the VAAC meeting, then watch the newsletter for changes.

See you on the 11th and, hopefully, at all our events this year.

Connie.

Meeting at Glendale College Jan. 11th 7:30 PM:

We have a great program to kick off 1991; our speaker will be Paul Metz, the Chief Test Pilot for Northrop.

Paul flew the F-23 Advanced Tactical Fighter for the first flight and many of the subsequent flights. Paul will tell you what it is like to make a first flight and also what it is like to fly the F-23. He also will have videos of the aircraft flying. It wasn't long ago that this was SECRET.

As an added attraction we will have color photos of the F-23 and Paul will sign them for you. We also will raffel of a model of the F-23.

Paul Metz is an aviation enthusiast and has flown 60 aircraft types, all the way from a J-3 Cub to the latest aircraft flying.

DON'T MISS THIS ONE.

Last year's Christmas Party

The Christmas Party at Leo and June's home was just delightful. There were good friends and good food, not to

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mention a beautiful view, all made a great evening. We especially enjoyed their stationary friend, a maniken, dressed in Navy Flight gear, complete with a "Mae West". Another interesting subject was Leo's FISH (huge), so big no one thought it would be able to turn around in the aquarium, but it did.

Thanks to June Gay and Bill Mallory for the door prizes, and thanks also to Bob Nielsen for the video of the Paris 1989 Air Show. That was really something on Leo's giant screen. It was a good party.

Dave Davidson

Dave Davidson was VAAC's first president and is one of the founders of this club. Dave is an adventurous type, has flown to the Caribbean and to Alaska in his Marquardt Charger, of which you may have read in the newsletter. Although Dave has been living in Texas for some time now, he has made several flights to California for our Wings and Wheels Tour.

Dave will miss the Wings and Wheels Tour this year because he has a new project. He is planning to leave on July 1, 1991 on a solo flight around the world--in an open cockpit biplane yet! (He has a heater in his cockpit). He will make stops in Greenland and Iceland on his way to Scotland. Then, if he doesn't get permission to fly to Moscow, he will still fly to the thirteen countries he has gotten permission to visit, including Warsaw, Poland. It sounds like a fascinating trip and we wish him well.

We look forward to hearing more about his adventure.

February pot luck dinner:

We are to have a pot-luck dinner in February, on the 16th. Call Don Johnson, 714 773 1717 for particulars and to let him know what food you will bring.

The Johnsons live at 2210 Smokewood, Fullerton.

The following new members we have information on:

Lou Stavros, P.O. box 5841. Monteciti, Ca., 93150.
 Pat and Arlys Quinn, 518 Colina Vista, Ventura, Ca.,
 Phone 805 642 3315. Pat has owned several AT-6s, Stampe

SV-4C, Tiger Moth etc. He currently owns a Bucker Jungmann and it is based in Camarillo.

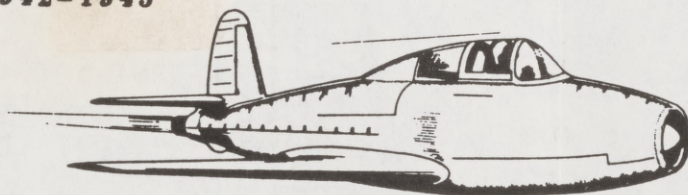
TO ORDER NEW BADGES.....

Send \$5.00 and a name for each badge desired to Ralph Majors, 5231 Stratford Ave, Westminster, Ca., 92683. Be sure to include your return address.

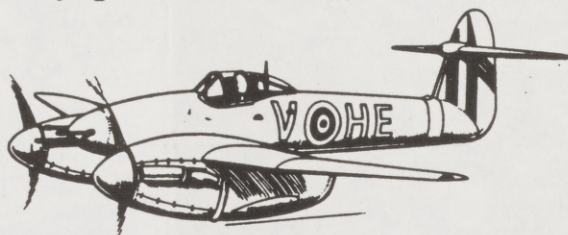
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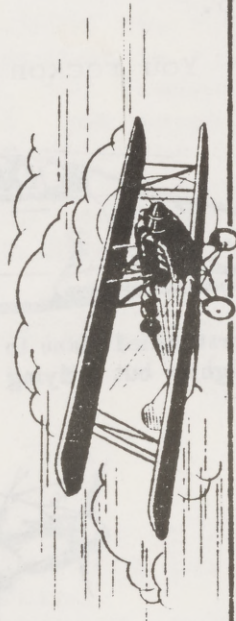
1942-1945



GLOSTER E.28/39 First Allied plane to be jet-powered. This was not a service fighter but a flying test bed for the new Whittle jet engine.



WESTLAND "WHIRLWIND" Two 850-h.p. Rolls-Royce Peregrine V-12 engines. Long-range escort fighter armed with four 20-mm. cannon.



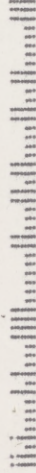
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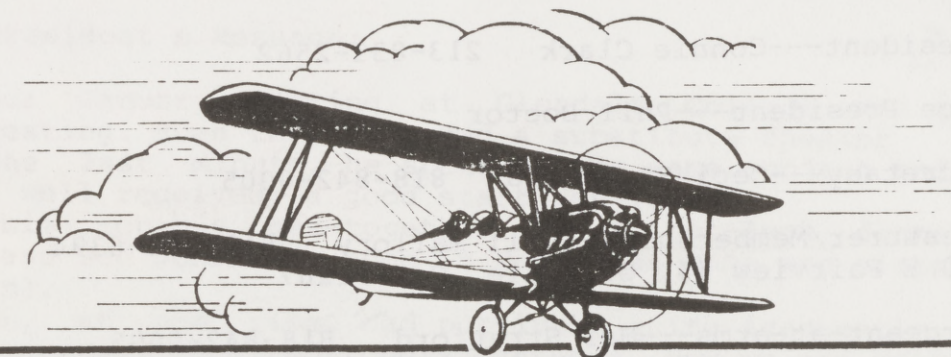
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Our January meeting at Glendale College was quite interesting. Even though we had a substitute speaker at the last minute, he spoke on the same subject and was quite well received; a good start for 1991.

This month's get-together is a pot-luck dinner at Don and Sue Johnson's home in Fullerton (see map elsewhere herein).

We, at one time, had pot-lucks quite frequently, but they gave way to airport get-togethers. Now we are going to give pot-lucks a try again as people seemed to enjoy them.

I know we are all busy, but it really helps a lot if you will call Don or Sue as soon as possible so they will know how many to expect and what food you will be bringing. Their phone number is 714-773-1717. Also it helps to make sure that we don't all bring desserts, as much as that may appeal to some of us.

Remember the March meeting at Glendale College and start thinking of the swap-meet at Whiteman Airport in April, if you are cleaning things out for the new year.

See you at the pot-luck dinner.

POT-LUCK DINNER NOTICE:

POT-LUCK AT DON AND SUE JOHNSON'S

When: SATURDAY, FEB. 16th

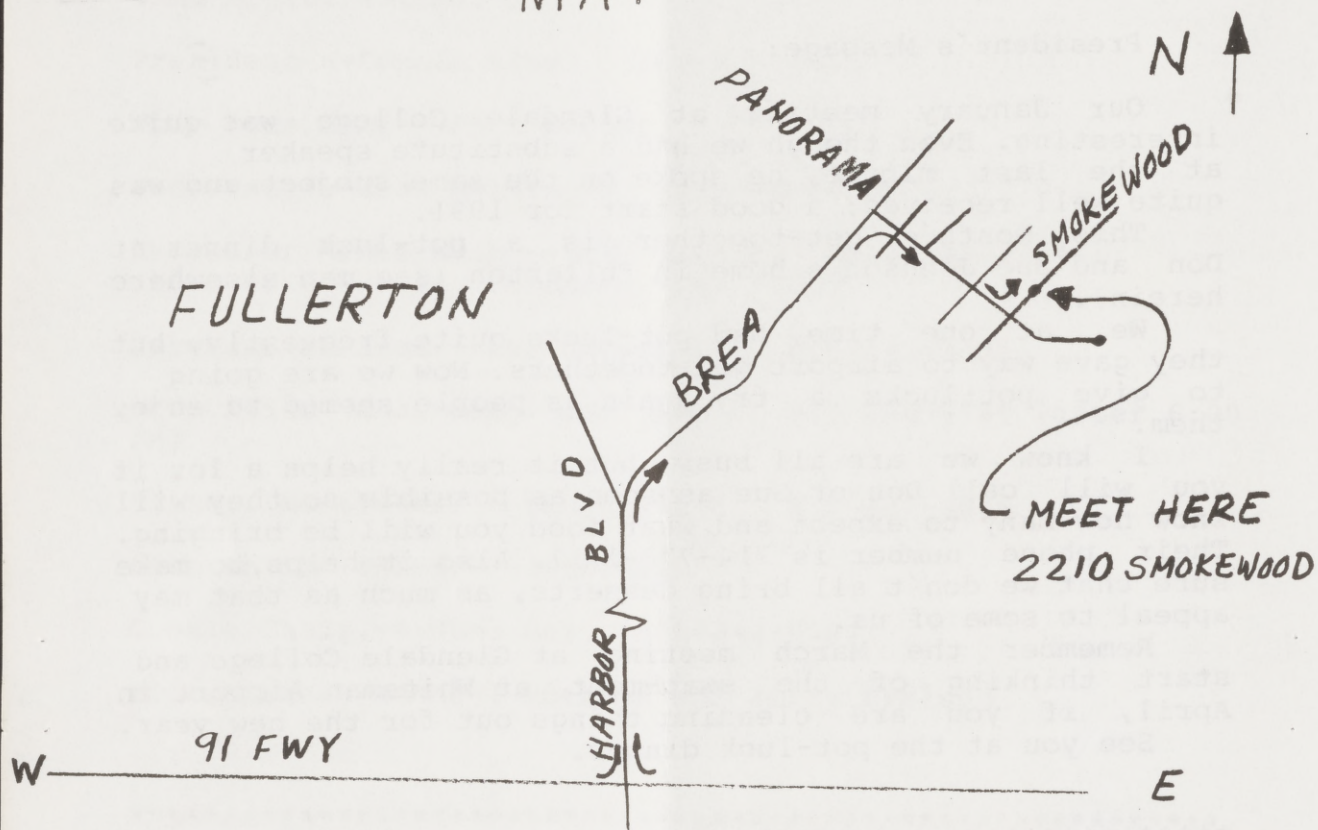
Where: 2210 SMOKEWOOD, FULLERTON

Time: 6:00 PM

Call Don or Sue: 714-773-1717.

See MAP in this NEWSLETTER.

MAP



DIRECTIONS TO DON AND SUE JOHNSON'S IN FULLERTON

2210 SMOKEWOOD
773-1717

Take 91 Freeway, Exit Harbor Blvd, Fullerton. Go North on Harbor To Brea Blvd. (You come to a "Y", Harbor continues to the left, Brea Blvd. to the right) continue on Brea to Panorama (2nd traffic light) turn right to Smokewood (bottom of hill). Turn left, continue on Smokewood. As you start up the hill 3rd house on Right.

LATER POTLUCK: Jim and Kay Fosselman's August 11, Sunday, poolside.

Minutes of general meeting

January 11, 1991

President Connie Clark called the meeting to order at 7:40 P.M.. Guests and new members were introduced. Connie announced that member Ralph Majors passed away. Ralph used to make our name badges. Connie will find out how that will be handled in the future.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Bill Mallory gave the treasurer's report which showed a balance of \$2,781.54 as of this date. He has new application forms for membership. We have 210 members now. Dues are due this month. Send your dues checks to his home address which is in the newsletter.

Sergeant-at-arms Mal Stratford reminded everyone to wear his badge. In the future we will assess members 25c each if not wearing a badge.

June Gay, cookie chairman, will call people before the next meeting to ask them to bring cookies.

OLD BUSINESS

We should start looking for door prizes for next Christmas Party. It was moved and seconded that we spend \$250 for the 1991 Christmas Party door prizes. The motion was tabled since we are not sure how much money the Treasury will have due to the pending postage increases. Leo and Bill will prepare a budget and present it at the next meeting so we will know where we stand. It was also suggested that members donate door prizes.

The picture on the front of the current newsletter is of member Jack Pfirrmann's plane with Jack standing on the far side. Bob Nielsen took the photo in 1940.

Jim and Kay Fosselman offered their house for the August pot-luck. It will be held on August 11.

Connie read a note from members Dorothy and Earl Thompson(who now live in Port Angelus, Washington) and Perry Schreffler.

It was announced that there is a movement in Burbank to have an air museum at the Lockheed facility. More information will follow.

Also announced was the death of accomplished aerospace engineer and designer Kelly Johnson. He designed the P-38, SR-71 Blackbird and other famous aircraft.

ACTIVITIES were announced by Leo Gay:

- .Pot-luck at the Johnsons'--February 16
- .Santa Ynez--July 12,13 & 14
- .Harthorne--August 24 & 25

NEWSLETTER--Send news items to Bob Nielsen.

We broke for refreshments at 9:10

PROGRAM:

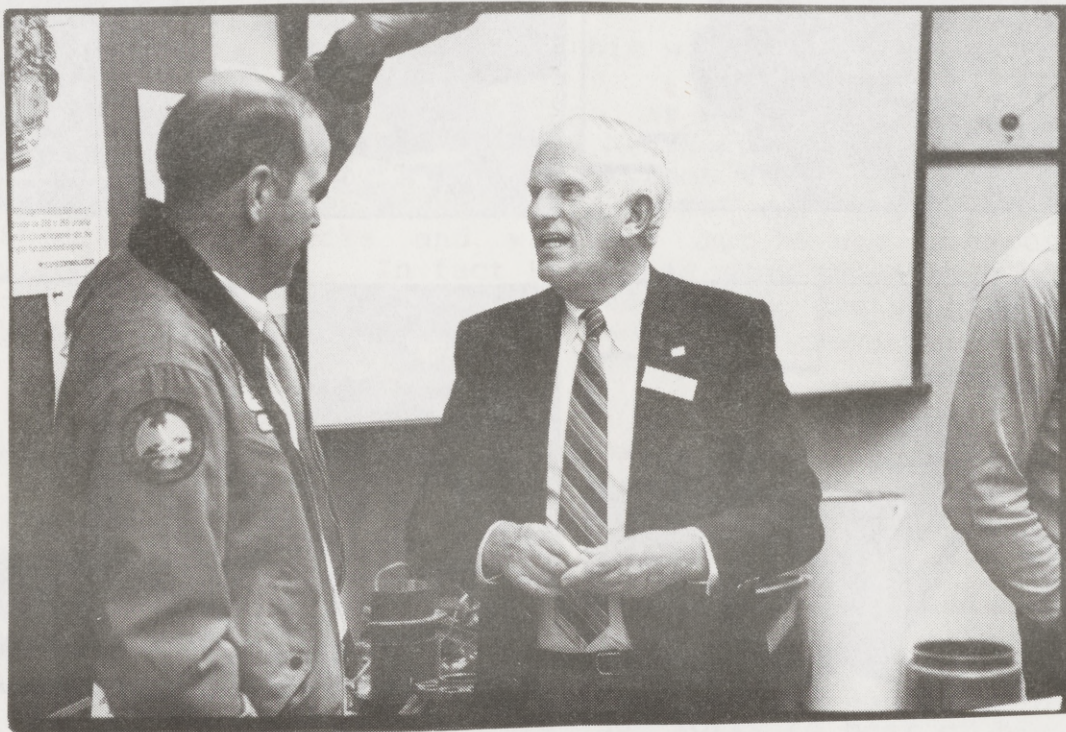
Jim Sandberg, Northrop Director of Flight Operations presented his program about the YF-23, Northrop's entry in the Advanced Tactical Fighter program.

Everyone put a ticket in a basket to get a chance at the model of the YF-23. Don Johnson won the model.

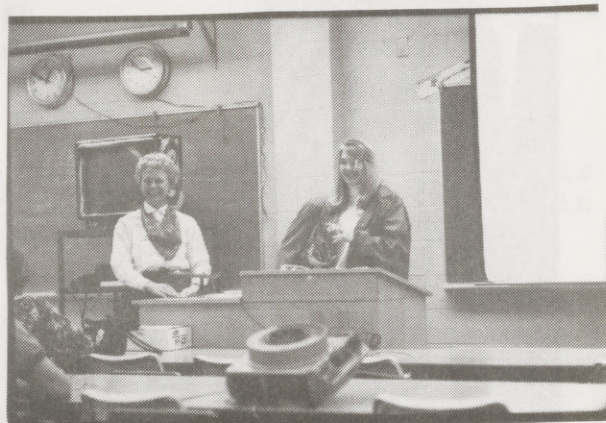
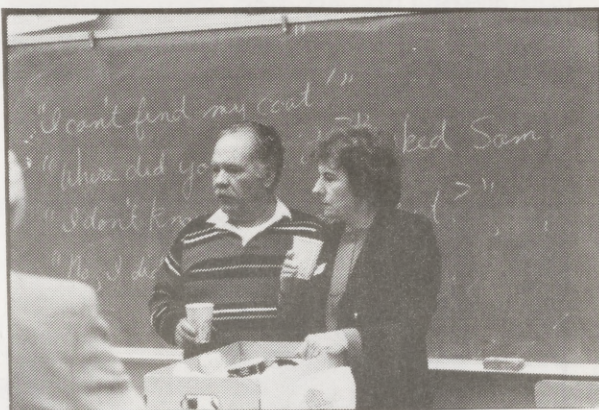
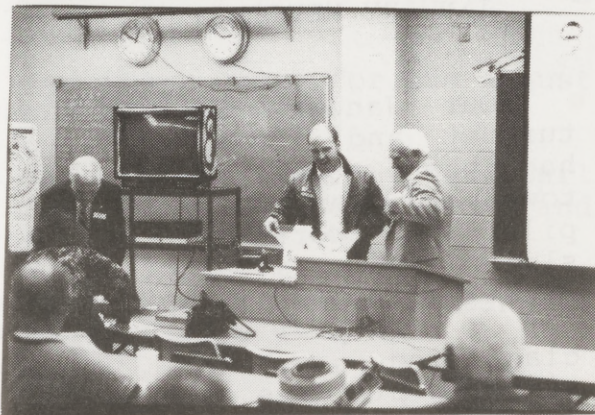
Respectfully submitted
Ceci Stratford, recording secretary.

Our January meeting was terrific. We had a large turnout and I'm sure everyone enjoyed it. While Paul Metz had been scheduled as our speaker, he was called out of town and was ably replaced by Jim Sandberg, also a test pilot for Northrop, who works with Paul. Jim had color slides and videos of the YF-23. Jim answered innumerable questions. His answer to a few of the questions had to be "If I tell you, I'll have to kill you". So much for asking classified questions. Jim surely had writer's cramp after signing pictures of the YF-23 for all of us.

The pictures and a model of the YF-23 were brought to the meeting by Leo Gay. The model was given as a door prize and was won by Don Johnson. Congratulations, Don and thank you, Jim, for a very interesting evening.



Jim Sandberg and Leo Gay



Some other pictures taken at our meeting.

Dues are now payable for 1991. Many of you have already⁹
sent them in, but if you have not as yet, please send your
check for \$6.00 made out to VAAC to our treasurer,

Bill Mallory
410 E. Fairview #4
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IN MEMORIAM

We are sad to report that Ralph Majors has passed on.
Ralph was born on Seotember 24, 1908 and passed on on
November 30, 1990. There were services in California in
Westminster and graveside services in Beeville, Texas where
he was laid to rest his Mother.

In recent years Ralph and his wife, Louise, had been
making name badges for VAAC.

Many of us remember Ralph as one of the world's
greatest collectors and enjoyed his hospitality as he and
Louise shared viewing their collections with us, including
playing their pipe organ. Ralph not only had a large
collection of clocks and watches, but he was an expert
repairman as well. In fact Ralph had many talents, a man
very much involved and interested in life and people. We
will miss you, Ralph.

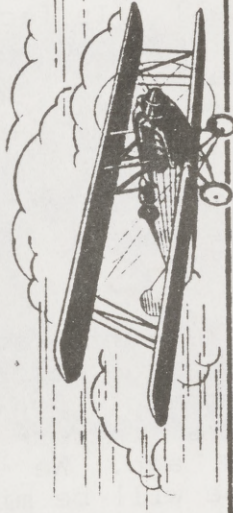
IN MEMORIAM

Don Dickenson of Santa Paula Airport passed on suddenly
in January. It was the same illness that took the life of
creator of the "Muppets". Don owned a Spartan Executive and
a Howard DGA. His father and uncle started Santa Paula
Airport 60 years ago. We are so sorry to hear of his
passing and know he will be missed.

Wanted: 230 Bellanca 14-19-2; also want crew for same for second Vintage Airplane Rally around the Caribbean in December 1991.

Contact Pat Quinn: Phone 805-642-3315 or write to him at 518 Colina Vista, Ventura, Ca., 93003.

This is the last newsletter by this editor. Thanks for all the help you've given.

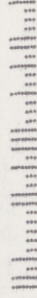


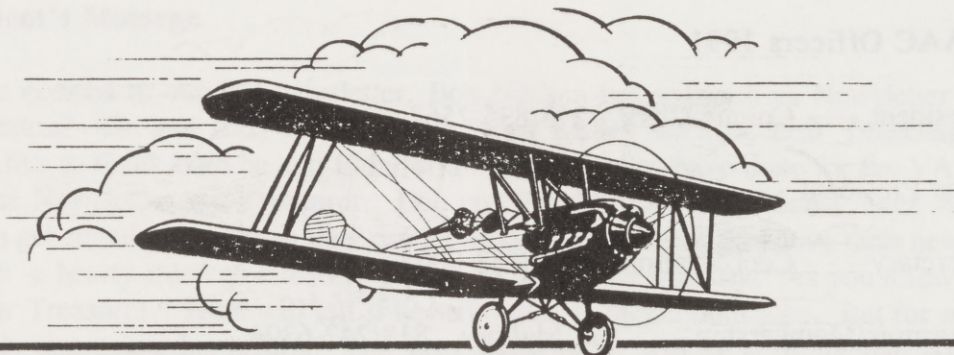
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One of Jack Northrop's first aircraft built at what is now Burbank Airport. The aircraft is a Northrop "Alpha". This was a six place 150 MPH transport.

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President's Message

As you noticed in our last newsletter, Bob Nielsen has resigned as Newsletter Editor. The reason? He and Elda are moving to Bear Valley Springs, near Tehachapi. We would like to thank both he and Elda for all the work they have done for the VAA, with both the Newsletter and Treasurer. Bob and Elda will be at the Santa Ynez Wings n' Wheels get-together, and then they can let us know how much they love their new home. So then -a hearty thank you also to our new Editor, Bill Mallory. As you know, Bill is also our Treasurer. Time will tell if he still wants to tackle both jobs. But for now, we certainly appreciate his efforts. Our next social affair will be at Whiteman Airport in April, at Marc Herman's hangar. Flying weather is already with us. Hope to see all of you at the meeting.

"News From All Over"

Elda Nielsen and Merlee Levick are taking up golf. Sounds like fun.

Congratulations to Marc and Royan Herman. They have a brand new little foal at their ranch home. I understand they have had visitors from all over the neighborhood, admiring.

Leo Gay is busy these days "moving a mountain". He is extending his driveway by digging into the hill behind it. If you have seen his collection of vehicles, military and otherwise, you will know why he needs more room.

There was a very nice turn out at the Pot Luck at Don and Sue Johnson's home. Lots of good food. Marc Herman brought two of his famous cheese cakes. Jim and Kay Fosselman brought lots of their special ice cream, a flavor for everyone. Don had some interesting Video's of airplanes and flying - what else. We all did lots of visiting and hearing about what each has been doing lately. It was an enjoyable evening, and I'm sure we are all looking forward to the next one.

Connie has received a letter from member Doug Kelley. Doug and Joan have lived in the East for a few years now, and have completed their new home. He gets to Los Angeles occasionally and will try to make a club function so he can visit with us once again. He has invited anyone going to Maryland to give him a call at 301/963-2217 (home) or 202/828-0488 (office). He says the Shenandoah Valley and the Potomac River make nice scenery from 3,000 feet. They have their T-18 hangered at the Martinsburgh West Virginia airport. Thanks for the invitation Doug. Hope to see you in LA sometime soon.

Several months ago, member Robert Cleaves spoke at one of our meetings requesting help in finding an aircraft to send to the Zambezi Valley in South Africa, for use in spotting poachers. A little later, we learned he had found a Bellanca 8GCBC "Scout" that was suitable for their needs. Now we have just received news of its delivery. Bob Cleaves had the pleasure of delivering it to the Zimbabwe Department of National Parks and Wildlife Management. Bob flew the airplane from its delivery point in Durban, north along the Zululand coast, over Lake St. Lucia, across Kozi Bay, over the Maputo Elephant Park in Mozambique, and RON'd in Maputo. The next day it was on to Beira and then Zimbabwe. He had many interesting sights along the way, not only of dolphin, sharks, and whales, hippo and croc, but also of refugees, poverty, and Russian MIG-15's and 17's the 15's for sale cheap.

The Bellanca has been put to good use, eight poachers already have been captured and are in jail, while six others have been killed. Another part of saving the Rhino is to tranquilize them and move them further from the border, making it harder for the poachers to reach them. These poachers are devastating the last viable herds of Black Rhino in the wild. The Bellanca is the tool that is needed to "see" into the dense vegetation, a job nearly impossible from the ground. And it is successful. The airplane was given by the International Wilderness Leadership Foundation and the Africa Conservation Trust.

FROM THE EDITOR

As you have read, Bob Nielsen has resigned as editor. Connie and Leo asked me to do it and I agreed to give it a try. I want to thank Bob for his past efforts, his showing me how he did the letter, and taking his time to show me the places he goes to get it printed. Thanks Bob.

I certainly do not want to make major changes in the letter or the procedures regarding it. However, one change has been incorporated in this letter. If you look at the mailing label you will see at the bottom or in the upper right hand corner a date. This is the date that your membership expires (in some cases expired). This should be a big help to you and me. As membership chairman, I would like to get all dues paid in January. By having the date on the newsletter, it should help you figure out the amount due in order to pay to the next January. In addition, since the cost of mailing has gone up recently, we are not going to be able to send letters to those of you that are far behind in your dues. Please renew promptly.

I also invite all of you that find errors in spelling, addresses, or zip codes on your

mailing label to let me know and I will correct them. This is doubly important, one since I can't get the letter to you if the address is wrong, and, two, I hope to have a roster of all members available in the near future. This will be available for a nominal fee, and anyone that doesn't want to be listed will be left out. Let me know if you think this is a good idea.

Lastly, in order to make a newsletter "newsy" the individuals in the organization must send in items of news. Some of those things could be an air show, air faire, museum, tour, an interesting place to eat, a place to stay, a book, etc. It could be regarding wants and disposals, you name it. Don't be bashful, send in the information and I will print it. Pictures are more than welcome.

NEW MEMBERS

This is a new section that I would like to use each month. It will be devoted to new members. Please, lets all recruit new members.

Jim and Anneliese Young. Live in Westminster and have a Chipmunk and Piper Comanche both based at Corona.

Stephen and Paulette Freeman. Live in Camarillo. Steve is a pilot with Federal Express. They have a PT-22 and have recently acquired a restoration project, a Ryan STA.

FUTURE EVENTS

Don and Jerri Snyder are hosting in conjunction with the Hesperia Airport Association, the EAA, and the 99's a hamburger barbecue on April 14 from noon to four o'clock at Hesperia. This is a pot luck affair and you should call Jerri to see what to bring. I am sure all will enjoy a great meal. Jerri can be reached at 619/948-1235. For those that want to drive the address is: 6736 Kittyhawk Ave., Hesperia.

The Swap Meet in April at Marc Herman's hanger will be held on Saturday the 21st from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Marc and Royan will have hamburgers and salad available for a small fee. Remember, all aviation related items or whatever can be brought to the swap meet. Set this day aside, it should be a great super day. Be at Whiteman airport.

Leo Gay reports that the following hotels/motels are available for us during the Santa Ynez Wings n' Wheels. July 12-14.

Motel 6, Buellton 805/688-7787

King Frederic Inn, Solvang 805/688-5515

Sanja Cota, Santa Ynez 805/688-5525

* Holliday Inn, Buellton 805/688-1000

*Note! We have been offered a special rate at the Holliday Inn (This is a 4 diamond award inn). When you call to make reservations tell them you are with the "Wings n' Wheels" group. This will allow you the special rate. Make sure to book your rooms in advance as motels and hotels are scarce.

"Wings n' Wheels" show - Borrego Springs April 6-7. Contact Borrego Air Center for information: 619/767-5548

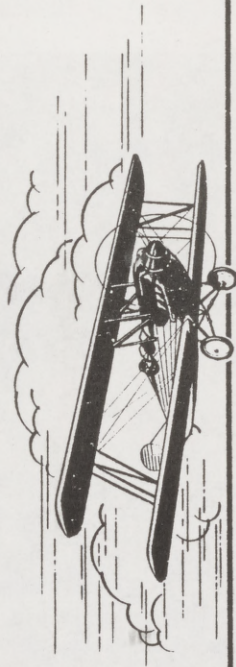
MARCH MEETING

General Meeting at Glendale Community College. March 15 1991, 7:00 PM. We will discuss future meetings and enjoy a video that spans many years of aviation.

It is quite possible that we will have one of the "Tuskegee Airmen" to talk with us.

Due to an oversight, Bob Korn was not given the credit for the photos in the last newsletter. Thanks Bob, they were really good.





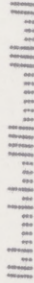
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President's Message

We had a good meeting in March. Much to our disappointment the Tuskegee Airman was unable to attend. We have been promised that he will appear at a later meeting. For those of you familiar with the Tuskegee Airmen, the name of our future guest is Celeste King.

I would like to thank Bill Mallory for doing such a good job on his first newsletter. We certainly appreciate his taking it on. Also, I hope that any of you that have something of interest, or for sale, or whatever, will send it to the editor of our newsletter.

We hope to see you at both Hesperia and Whiteman Airport this month. Two events to fly to, or not too far to drive to either. Come on out and enjoy some good company and good food.

CURRENT EVENTS

The major event for this month is the SWAP MEET at Marc and Royann Herman's hangar at Whiteman Airport. This event will occur on the 21st of April and will commence at 9:00 in the morning and go to about 4:00 PM. Marc and Royann will provide the burgers at about \$2.25 each, you should plan on bringing a salad or desert. Call Royann for particulars, 818/353-3467. Lets try and keep this event aviation oriented but - anything will be welcome.

The first (second) event is the pot luck being hosted by Don and Jerri Snyder at the Hesperia Airport on April 14 from noon to four o'clock. Call Jerri at 619/948-1235 to see what she would like you to bring. For those that want to drive, the address is: 6736 Kittyhawk Ave., Hesperia.

"News From All Over"

Mal Stratford celebrated the 50th Anniversary of his first solo and his birthday both on St. Patricks Day. And if this was not enough, he broke his toe two days prior.

John and Dallys Innes are making progress on their Alexander Eaglerock. And, do you know anyone that would like to own a famous Porterfield, "Spinach", first owned by Bob Cummings, they still have it for sale.

We failed to mention last month, among those that have take up golf is Elaine Gourley. Sorry about the oversight Elaine.

FROM THE EDITOR

I will combine the comments from the editor with those of the membership chairman. I have invited many young people to our meetings. Some have returned, some have even joined. Recently I had a young man tell me that he had never felt more welcome in a group than he did with us. Why? We treated him as an equal, we respected his feelings about aviation, we introduced ourselves and shook his hand. Does this tell us something? I think it does. It tells me that we are a "Class Group" willing to accept and share our time with all that come to our meeting. If organizations like ours are to stay alive, we must recruit the younger people in our community. Remember, they will never see the start of a Bendix Race, The Gee Bee fly, or Mr. Mulligan. They rely on us for the history and lore of early aviation. Lets all try and recruit young and old alike.

For those of you that are behind in your dues, please check your address label and if you want to continue, remit the required amount to pay to January 1991. Thank you for your indulgence.

I recently spent the week-end in Costa Mesa. One of the places to visit while there is the Virginia Bader Art Gallery. For those of you unfamiliar with Virginia Bader, she is a niece of Sir Douglas Bader the famous RAF pilot, and a dealer in fine Aviation Art. I recommend a visit to her store. Incidentally, there is a wonderful motel next door to her shop.

As many of you know, Leo Gay has retired from Northrop. I have asked him to submit a biographical sketch to me for inclusion in the newsletter in the near future. Leo, now you will have the spare time to pursue all of your other interests. Good luck from all of us.

NEW MEMBERS

Mark and Sheila Lightsey reside in Hemet. They fly a Bellanca which Mark uses to commute to his job in Hawthorne, and a Luscombe for a restoration project.

Jack and Gudron Roberts, live in Victorville. I would like to say a little more about them. If they will contact me I will include the information in a later newsletter.

Carroll Schramling and his wife Skip live in Burbank. They are the proud owners of a Vee Tail Beech N2861 at Whiteman. They are building a Bushby II.

Walter A. Kessler owns and operates a Marketing Service from Kessler Field, Marengo, Illinois. Walter is quite active in vintage aircraft activities.

Dave Pierson. Dave was a member and has recently rejoined. He presently owns three airplanes; a T-34, Wing Derringer, and an L-19 "Bird Dog". The L-19 won Oshkosh in 1985. Dave is an ex WWII and Korean War pilot, and flew helicopters with the California National Guard until his retirement. He still operates his machine shop in Torrance.

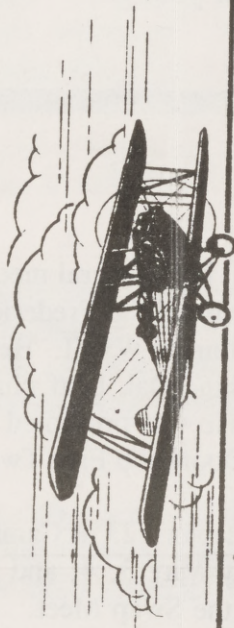
Welcome aboard all of you.

FUTURE EVENTS

The May meeting will be a general meeting at Glendale Community College. Our guest speaker for the evening will be Frederic Arnold who completed fifty missions as a P-38 pilot in North Africa during WWII. He was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal with nine Oak Leaf clusters. On his return from combat, he test flew America's first jet. He was promoted to the rank of Major at the age of twenty three. He is the author of "Doorknob Five Two" and will have the book for sale at the meeting.

And finally, EAA Chapter 723 at Camarillo will host its 11th Annual Fly-in on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday May 3, 4, and 5. We will try and have flyers available at the Snyder's and also at the Swap Meet.

Please look at the Calendar of Events in the letter.



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President's Message

We had two airport functions in April. Two opportunities to fly to social gatherings. It is so beautiful flying at this time of year, with everything so green and still some snow in the mountains. Our thanks to Geri and Don Snyder for the Invitational BBQ at Hesperia, and to Marc and Royann Herman for hosting the BBQ-Swap Meet at Whiteman Airport. This month we have our meeting (May 17) at Glendale College, and our speaker sounds very interesting. (We are enclosing a map of how to get to Glendale College, mostly for the new members but also for us all). We meet in the Aviation Arts Building. Mark the date on your calendar, and we hope to see lots of you there.

CURRENT EVENTS

The event for this month will be a talk by Fredric Arnold. Mr. Arnold was a P-38 pilot in the North African area during WWII. He has received many honors and awards and is the author of a wonderful book about his service in World War II flying the P-38. He will have copies of his book "Doorknob Five Two" for sale at the meeting. Please try and attend. You will find Mr. Arnold to be a wonderful speaker. This is one of many of the comments by groups that have listened to Fredric Arnold:

"An evening with Fredric Arnold is truly a memorable event. His talk and slides provided one of the finest programs we've ever had."

B-17 Combat Crewmen & Wing Assn.

"News From All Over"

Don and Geri Snyder hosted a barbecue at their Hesperia Airport home on April 14. In addition to the Vintage Aeroplane Association, the Hesperia Airport Association and the local Chapters of the 99's and EAA were invited. Some 12 airplanes and 1 helicopter arrived for the event, with some 50 guests enjoying the barbecued hamburgers and hot dogs with all of the trimmings. Although the wind was light and variable in the morning, by 11:00 it had picked up considerably, and was quite strong by late afternoon. Sture Folkerson was the winner of the Aviation Trivia Quiz. The hosts wish to "Thank" all

those members who participated to make this an enjoyable day.

New member Mark Lightsey was featured in the "Daily Breeze" recently. The article was about his daily commute from Hemet to Hawthorne to work. He flies his 1947 Bellanca from Hemet to Hawthorne each afternoon and then back at midnight. If Mark had to make this trip by car it would take about three hours, by air its just 40 minutes.

This is an item that came to the editor from Justin Wilde, and due to a mail foul-up it was too late to include in the last Newsletter. R.C. "Chappy" Czapiewski has organized a group interested in founding an Aviation Museum in Burbank. He has now held two meetings (editor attended), and has received support from the city. Chappy will continue to hold meetings and will seek advice, support, and help from those of us in the community. If you are interested you can call him at 818/761-4182.

FROM THE EDITOR

I hope that many of you were able to attend the Camarillo EAA Fly-In. This event draws a crowd each year, and some of the finest aircraft to be seen in the local area. Your editor was pleased to see Kent Blankenberg and his Lockheed there, also lots of members. This was an opportunity to get pictures for your Newsletter. All in all a really good show.

My requests for items and/or pictures is starting to pay off. I received a copy of the news letter from the San Diego Chapter Antique Airplane Association via Ruth Ebey, editor (also one of our members), in which the death of Netta Snook Southern was mentioned. She passed away March 23, 1991. Netta Southern was the Flight Instructor that taught Amelia Earhart to fly at Kinner Airport in South Gate. Ms. Southern was 95, one year older than her famous pupil would have been had she not disappeared in 1937. Incidentally, the cost of the flying lessons to Amelia was one dollar per minute. Also, the passing of Robert L. Hall, designer of the GEE BEE. Mr. Hall was involved in the designing of the Bearcat, Wildcat, Hellcat, and Tigercat. He was 85 and retired from Grumman Aircraft.

Bob Heer sent me a picture of his Aeronca 1940 Defender. It was originally a TF 60 but when it was restored in 1978 it was upgraded to a TAC-65. Thanks for the photo Bob, its on the front cover.

Also, I have received from Terri Kresin in Fresno an article and some pictures on the restoration and first flight of a rare Yak 18. This aircraft was at the Camarillo fly-in. The Yak 18 prototype first flew in 1945 and soon went into full production. It replaced all military and civilian training units and was cleared for unrestricted aerobatics. It was widely accepted and was exported outside the Warsaw Pact nations. Though manufactured in extremely large numbers for export, there is only one Yak 18 in the entire United States flying today. This particular model was built in Shenyang, China in 1949. It has been fully restored by Alan and Connie Buchner, members of the VAA, and made its first flight in the United States on April 8, 1991 at Chandler Field, Fresno. The aircraft has 2300 hours time on it and really is a wonderful restoration. The Yak will be making the airshow circuits this summer starting with Watsonville, May 24-26. For those interested here are some of the Yak vitals:

Maximum speed	159 MPH
Cruising speed	135 MPH
Climb	689 ft/min
Service ceiling	13,120 ft
Range	620 miles
Empty weight	1795 lbs
Engine	160 HP Shvetsov M-11

This really is a beautiful restoration, if you get the chance to see it, do so.

Leo Gay - roasted and toasted. Leo was honored on April 10th at his retirement luncheon. His popularity was evident by the number of people attending. Besides his bosses, co-workers, and good friends, others in attendance were the President of the Hawthorne Chamber of Commerce, the Manager of Hawthorne Airport, and the Mayor of Hawthorne, who presented June with the Key to the City. Leo was presented several beautiful trophies and plaques, including a model of a racing plane he has been designing during his lunch hours. The model was beautifully mounted alongside a model of the Tigershark. All in all, it was a nice tribute to a talented engineer, and the best organizer Northrop ever had. Good luck Leo.

Membership information. Once again I ask you to check your address label. Please note the date your dues expired and if you want to continue with the VAA remit an amount that will make your dues renewable in January. We simply can not continue to send the newsletter to those that do not wish to stay in the organization. The price of printing and especially postage is making the letter costly. Also, if your name or address is not correct please let me know and I will correct it pronto. Thanks for your consideration.



NEW MEMBERS

Welcome aboard Earl and Dorothy Collins. Earl and Dorothy are the proud owners of a Cessna C-182, N2020G hangered at Whiteman in hanger E 18. Earl and Dorothy are really a special couple and two people that you must meet and get to know. Earl recently retired from JPL and is now attending the A&P school at Glendale College. Incidentally, their son Michael graduated from the A&P school and was heavily involved in the restoration of a Tiger Moth that won Best of Show at the Camarillo fly-in. Welcome Earl and Dorothy.

FUTURE EVENTS

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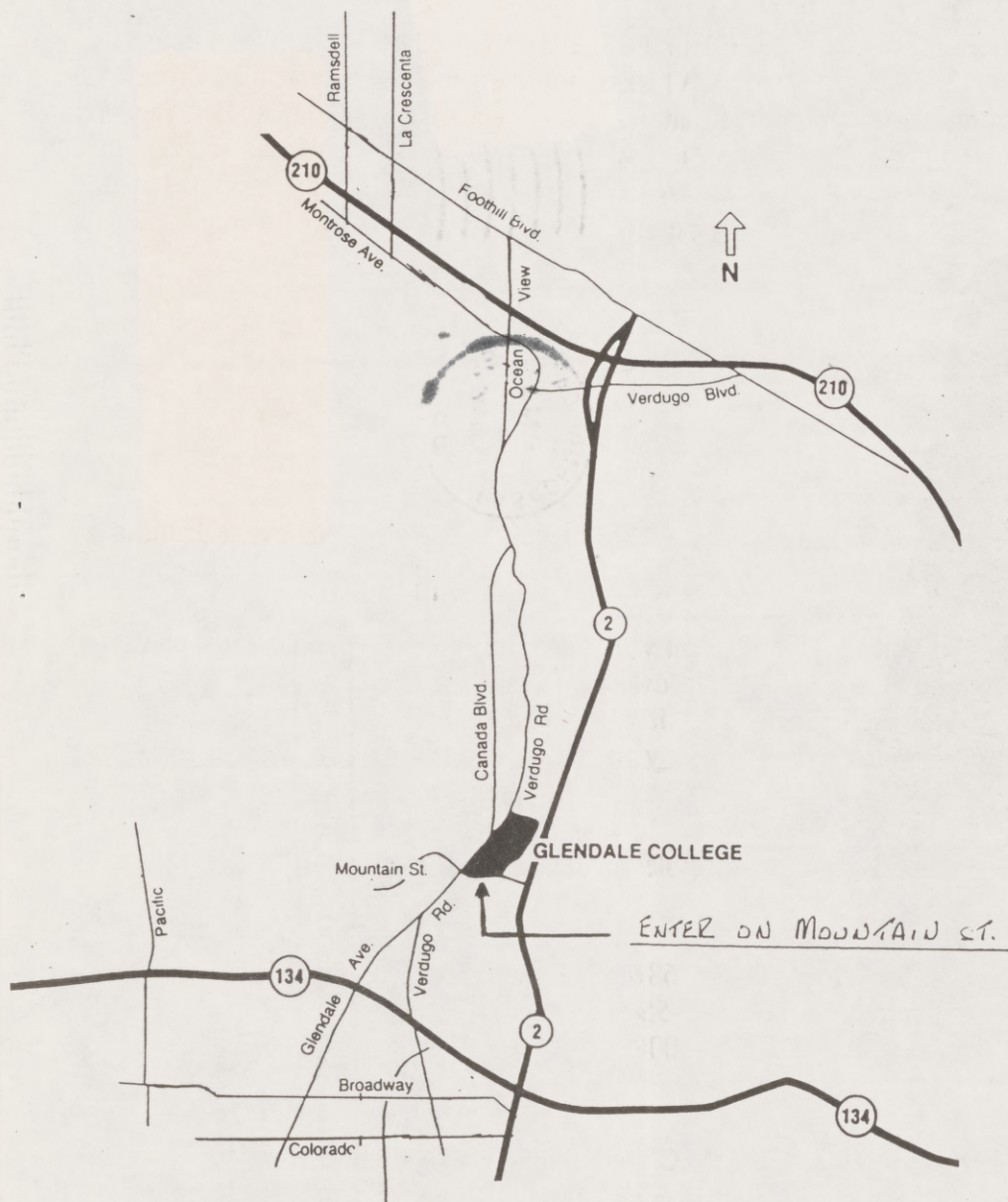
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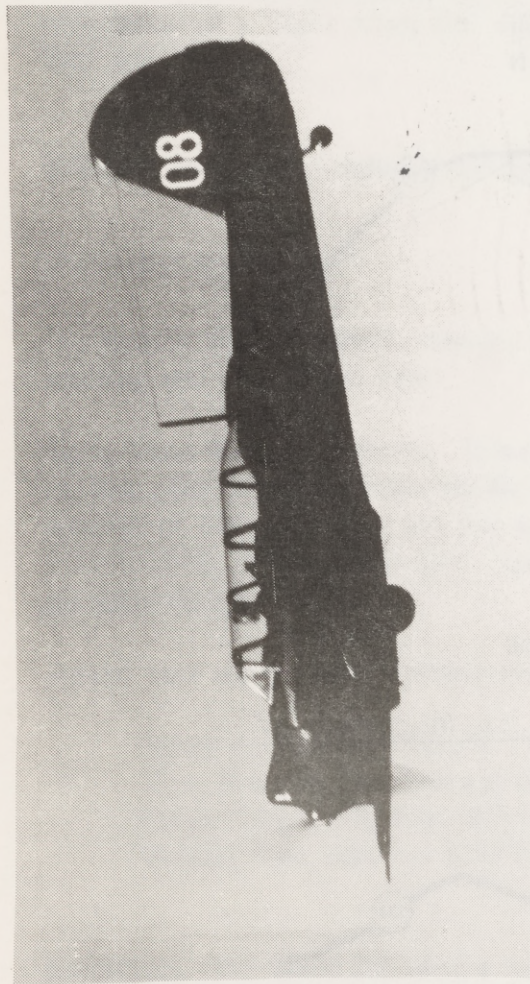
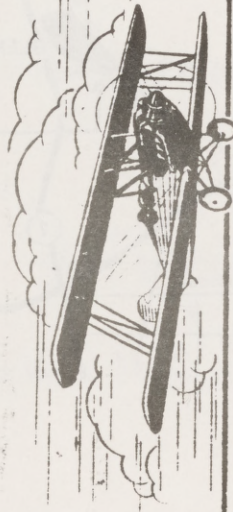


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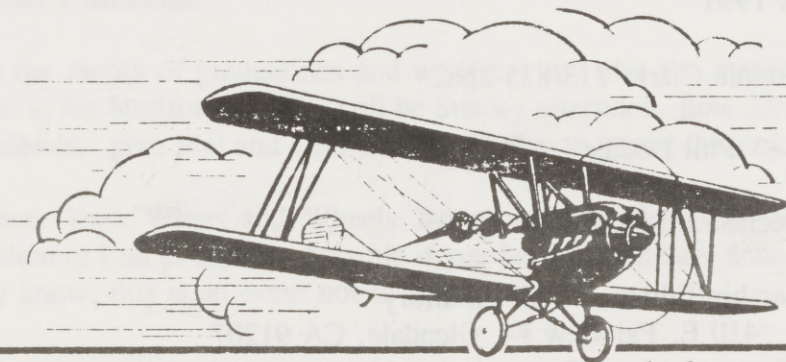
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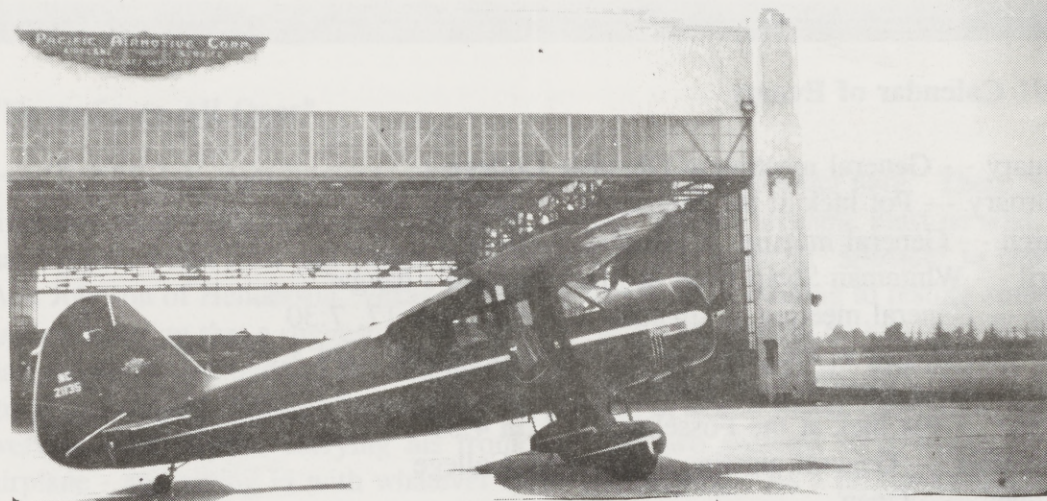


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The Santa Ynez Wings and Wheels Tour is getting closer, so be sure to send your reservation to Leo as soon as possible if you have not already done so. As most of you already know, this is an event not to be missed.

CURRENT EVENTS

As mentioned by Connie in her message, the event for this month is the Potluck at the Stratford's on Sunday, June 23 at 3:30. Bring a swim suit for the Spa. Call Ceci at 818/842-0005 (evenings) to let her know what you are bringing, number is 818/842-0005. The address is 425 S. Bel Aire, Burbank. **SEE THE MAP ON THE BACK PAGE.**

"News From All Over"

This was contributed by Connie Clark and I feel is worth printing here. There comes a time in a Pilot's life when they can fly no longer, and the airplane must be sold. So it has happened that John and Dallys Innes have sold their beloved "Spinach" to David and Ann Johnson of Henderson, Texas. Memory recalls John wanting to restore something, and discovering that a suggested "basket case" was a Porterfield he had once flown, and had originally belonged to Bob Cummings, he decided this was it. Bob had her painted green and named "Spinach" because of his interest in health foods. John and "Spinach" were at every fly-in, carrying his trombone - in two sections so it would fit in the airplane - and sitting in with whatever Band was playing. As a professional musician, he played at Dixieland Festivals, and at one he met Dallys. From that time on, John and Dallys were at every fly-in. Somehow they still managed room for the trombone. Now that John's eyesight has faded, it is only fitting for "Spinach" to move on to a more active life. So long "Spinach" good flying to you. John still plays trombone with the

"Jazzin Babies". Incidentally, John and Dallys just returned from a trip to the National Biplane Fly-in in Bartlesville, Oklahoma and stopped in Henderson, Texas to visit "Spinach" and her new home and owners. They say that she could not be in better hands.

As mentioned in the last Newsletter, the group formed by "Chappy" Czapiewski to explore the possibility of founding an Aviation Museum in Burbank has now held several meetings. If you are interested in this endeavor please call "Chappy" at 818/761-4182.

FROM THE EDITOR

We certainly want to thank Fredric Arnold our guest speaker in May for his presentation on his flying the P-38 and his experiences in North Africa during WW II. Those of you that missed the meeting missed a wonderful presentation. Ed and Connie Clark met Fred again at the Merced fly-in. I hope that many of you were able to go. I know that Earl and Dorothy Collins also went. I am still seeking material to put in the letter, pictures, bits of trivia, what-ever. I am planning to feature Leo Gay in the near future. I am intentionally keeping this letter short so that I can "plug" the Santa Ynez event, and events in general. I frequently hear "I did not know such and such an event was scheduled." Please look inside the front page of your letter, I have listed all of the events for the year in each issue. Please try and attend scheduled events, those that plan them do so with the organization in mind.

At the risk of being too social I am going to print the following: At the last meeting, Connie read a letter from P.H. Spencer. For those of you that know Mr. Spencer I think you will enjoy it, for those that don't know him, get some early aviation books and read about him. He is one of the remaining "Early Birds". Dear Relatives and Friends, Here is one of those infamous form letters. I apologize; but there are too many of you for me at 94 to write each one individually. On April 20, 1991 I moved from my apartment at 8835 Woodman Avenue #13, Arleta, CA 91331 to my granddaughter's home; address above (2065 West 231st Street, Torrance, CA 90501). What a difference in my surroundings. Its so pleasant with lots of room, a big back yard, with many kinds of birds and an orange tree loaded with large delicious tree ripened fruit. Its like getting out of prison and going to heaven. I am scheduled to attend the Early Bird Reunion in Scottsdale, AZ September 25 to 29, 1991, and already have my hotel reservation. Of course, Andy will be with me as he is Secretary of the Early Birds; so it is imperative

that he be there. I am positive that of the eight EB's still alive only Glenn Messer and I will be there. There are 225 E.B. Associate members who do all the work. My health is good, eyesight is 20/20, hearing is fine and appetite is horrendous. Cholesterol count is 205 and I devour ice cream like a kid, in fact two kids. My drivers license is good for two more years; but my car gave up the ghost a month ago so I won't drive any longer at 94 its time to quit working and be pampered. Please drop me a note once in awhile. I would like to keep in touch. I promise to answer. /s/ P.H. Spencer.

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome James and Carol Mulvihill, 1964 Turquoise Circle, Carson. I would like to print a little more than just a name and address for our members. When you sign a new member, please have them fill out an application or at least send me a small bio. At any rate, welcome James and Carol.

Again, I ask you to check your mailing label. If it is not correct let me know. Also, this will be the last letter for those with expiration dates of 1989. Postage, printing, etc have just gone out of-sight and we can no longer "carry" those that are more than 2 years in arrears.

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Leo has requested that I include the airport traffic chart for Santa Ynez and I am doing so. Please follow the instructions on the enclosed when flying in the Santa Ynez airport vicinity. We do not want to cause problems with our event. Thank you for your consideration.

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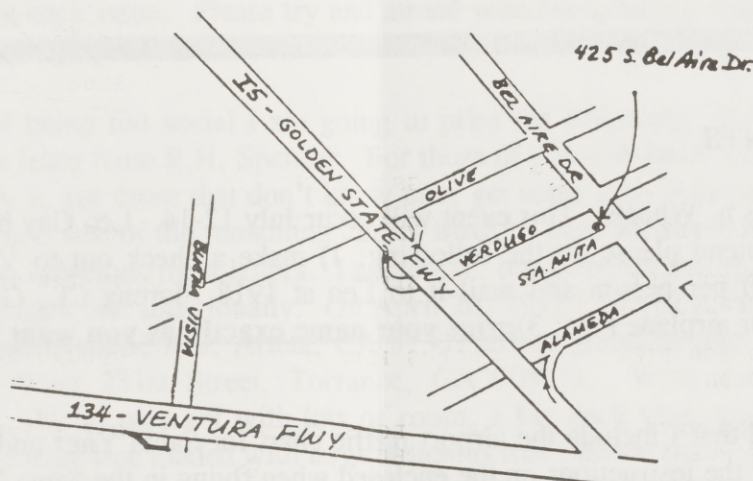
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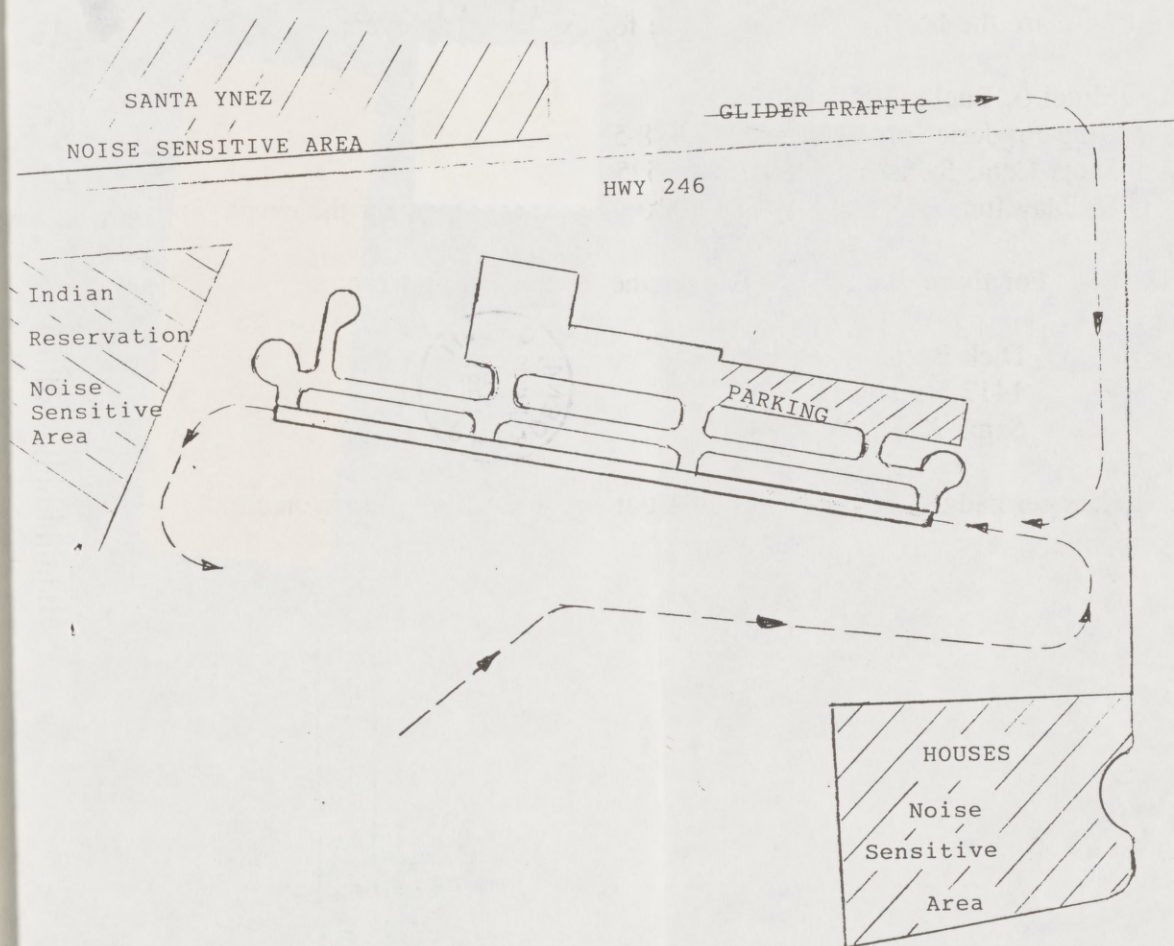
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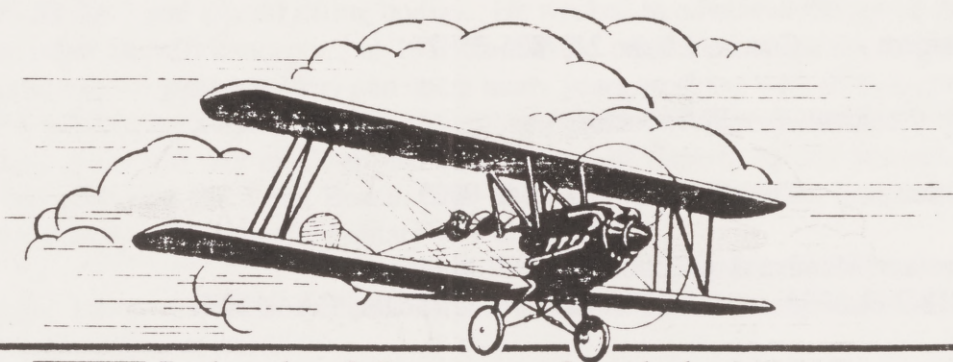
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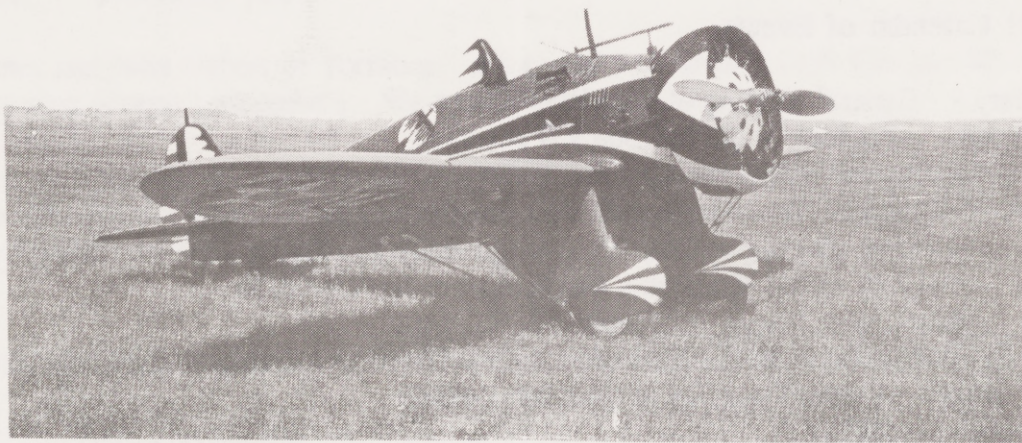


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Thanks Leo, I hope I have not edited too much out. You have truly been one of the pioneers in the aviation world.

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome aboard Bill and Dorothy Lawrence of Manhattan Beach. Bill and Dorothy are the proud owners of a Tiger Moth, N555XB.

Steve and Kathy Melton live in Chino Hills and own a 1968 Cherokee 180 N6626J. Steve and Kathy joined a couple of months ago and I overlooked putting them in the letter. We welcome you.

James and Julia Hebert of Torrance. James and Julia own a 1959 Cessna 182 and are restoring several Luscombe's. We are certainly glad to have you.

Hartley Folstad is the owner and operator of the Stearman Flight Center in Chino. He has over 25,000 hours. His career began in the Navy and he now flies as a 737 Captain for United Airlines. Hartley, welcome.

FUTURE EVENTS

As Connie has mentioned, the event for August is the Pot Luck at the Fosselman's in Alhambra on August 11th at 4:00. The address is: 520 Alahmar St. Phone, 818/284-8642. Please set the date aside.

Connie also mentioned the Hawthorne Air Faire, this will be held on August 24 and 25. The Banquet will be at the Proud Bird on the 24th.

While not a club function the Compton Airport "Airfaire 91" might be of interest to some of us so I will print the information in total. The 6th annual Compton Airport Airfaire and open house will be held on Sunday, August 4, 1991. This open house event will qualify as an exemption day for property tax exemption of aircraft of historical significance, as provided under Section 220.5 of the State Revenue and Tax Code. Further information may be obtained by contacting Jerry Prince, coordinator at 213/638-8050.

BADGES. Rumor has it that the Sgt-at-Arms is going to get those that do not have a badge and those that do not wear them. Need a badge? Contact:

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President's Message

The time is here for our great Santa Ynez get together. We are looking forward to seeing lots of good friends there, and great cars, airplanes, motorcycles, and military vehicles. The tour is always such a treat. In August, we are having a Pot Luck at the Fosselman's in Alhambra, so be sure to write it in on your calendars. Also in August, while not strictly a club affair, is the Hawthorne Air Faire. Among other attractions there will be several P-51's, and hopefully several Tiger Moths also to help celebrate 50 years of the Tiger Moth. And if you missed our meeting with Frederic Arnold, he and his lovely wife Natalie will also be at Hawthorne, where you will have a chance to meet him and if you wish, buy his book "Doorknob Five Two". See you at Santa Ynez.

CURRENT EVENTS

Connie has mentioned the Santa Ynez event, for those of you that are going we wish you a good and safe time. We have included on the last page a chart of the Santa Ynez airport, and the "noise sensitive areas". If you fly, please fly proper and safe patterns.

"News From All Over"

Donald and Linda Noonan have purchased a Gypsy Moth. They purchased it from Mr. Carlson of the Stromberg-Carlson Radio fame. Mr. Carlson has owned this airplane for at least the last forty years. How fortunate and lucky the Noonan's are to have this piece of history. These are the kinds of stories we love to receive. Maybe the Noonan's can send more information and some pictures for inclusion in the letter.

The event at the Stratford's was a success. I only wish that I could have stayed longer. I met some old friends, and some new ones also. As has been mentioned in other news letters, the social events are an important part of the VAA. We get to know each other better, and as was the case at the Stratford's, meet members of the Angeles Antiquers. Please set the dates for social events aside, they are listed inside the front cover.

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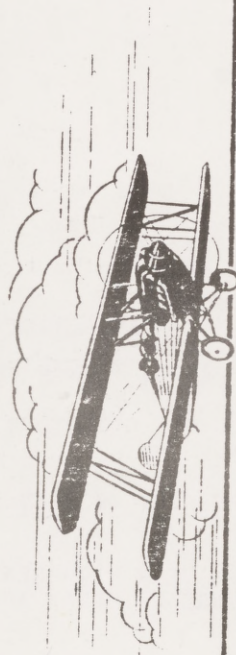
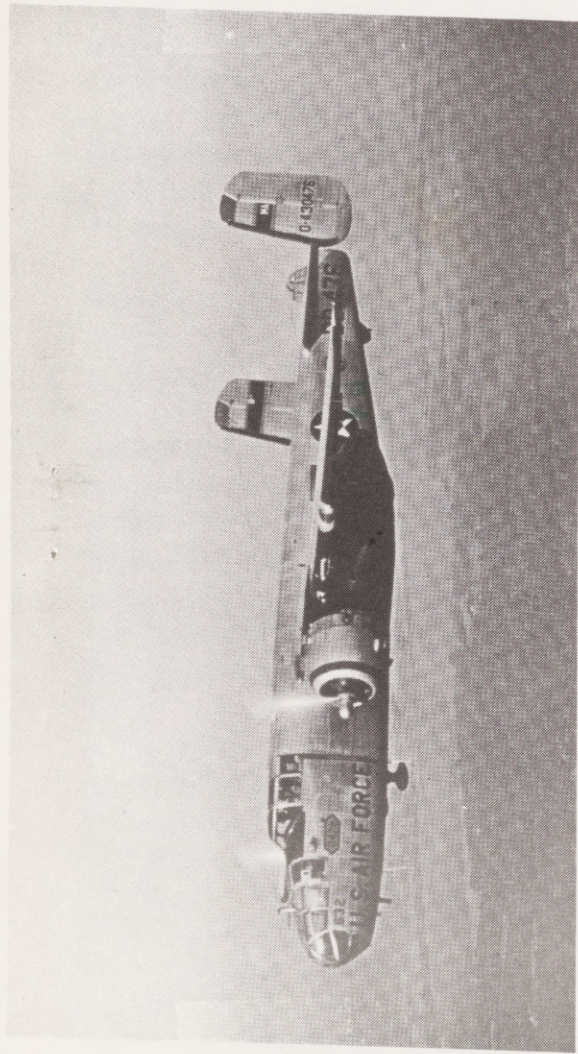
Once again I make two requests; if you have not renewed your membership for the current year (or to catch-up plus the current year) please do so now. For those of you with an expiration date of 1989 this will be your last newsletter unless you renew. You can tell when your membership is due, simply look at the mailing label for the year. Again, I request you pay the amount that will make you current to 1/92. Secondly, I am still asking for articles, pictures, book reports, notices of events, what ever for the letter. I do presently have some rather long articles that have been sent in, I will edit them and at some point include them in the letter.

When Leo Gay retired, I asked him to give me a brief sketch of his interesting life in aviation. He has and here it is. Leo was born in Montreal, Canada in 1930 and moved to England in 1936. He got the "airplane bug" when he attended an airshow in South England. Leo's father was also an "aircraft nut" having served in the Royal Flying Corps during WW I. His father was the mechanic for the famous Canadian Ace Barker who talked him into going to Canada after the war. He became the mechanic for the "Bishop Barker Flying Services". (Bishop was the number two Canadian Ace in WW I with 72 victories). The family returned to Canada in 1937 and then back to England in 1939 when Leo's father joined the RAF and they settled in the largest military area in England, "Salisbury Plain", eight miles from "Boscombe Down" the equivalent of Edwards AFB. Here he saw many of the latest WW II aircraft being tested including the Gloster Whittle Jet.

After the war Leo served a five year apprenticeship in mechanical engineering and graduated from Acton Technical College in 1951. He was hired by AVROE Canada and moved back to Canada (Toronto) where he worked on designing a recon mod for the Lancaster, then worked in the CF-100 design groups. In 1954 he was transferred to "Project Y" advanced design, this was one of the most secret projects ever and was a joint US/Canadian aircraft venture. The aircraft was a flying saucer, only two were ever built.

In 1955 Leo was hired by Cessna in Wichita to work on the design of the "620" a four engine aircraft. He didn't like the Tornados so took a job with Northrop in Hawthorne and moved to Eagle Rock in December 1955. His first job with Northrop was designing the horizontal spar structure for the Lockheed Electra, from there he worked on the McDonnell F-4H, Northrop T-38, Northrop N-156F, Boeing 707-720, Radioplane XQ-4B Drone, Convair 880, and North American B-70.

He moved to Air Logistics in 1959 and worked on the design of aircraft ground support equipment. In 1961 he helped set up a design facility for Air Log in London, England.



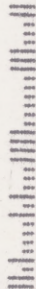
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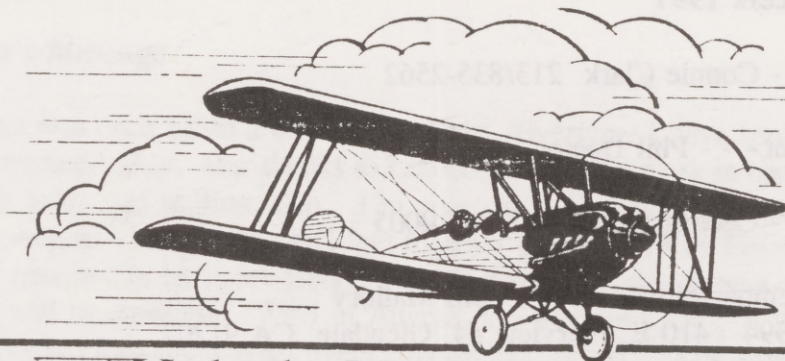
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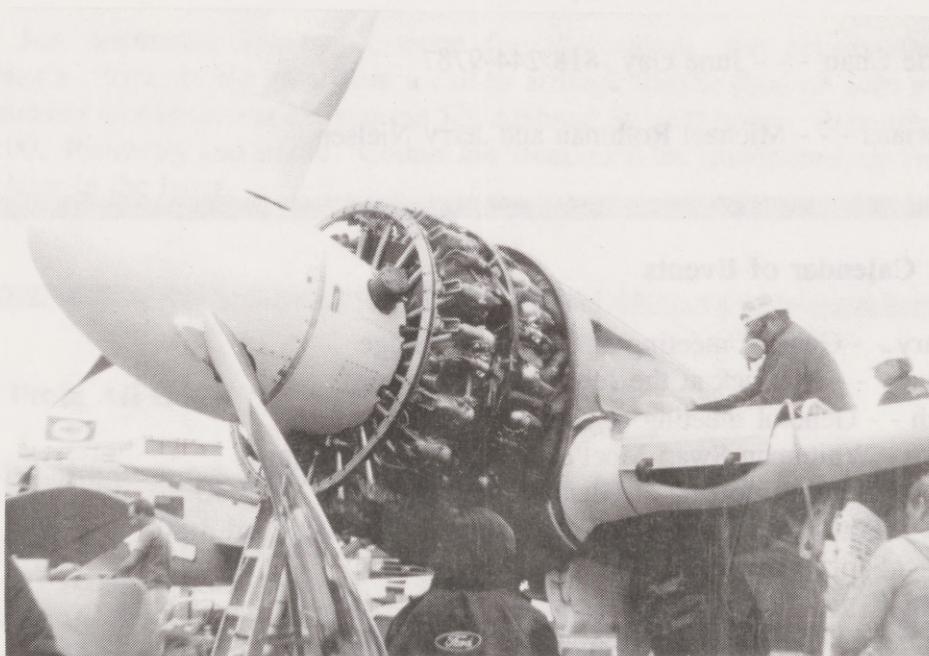
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President's Message

Santa Ynez was once again a marvelous affair. Everyone I have spoken to enjoyed the weekend tremendously. Our thanks to Leo Gay for all his work in organizing the Wings 'n Wheels tour, and to June also, I'm sure she does more than we realize. Sunday afternoon August 11 is our Pot luck get together at Jim and Kay Fosselman's. I hope it is already penciled in on your calendar, and that you will give them a call concerning the food you will be bringing. Also in August, the 24th and 25th, is the Hawthorne Air Faire. This has become a great event, thanks also to Leo. You should plan to attend. So enjoy your summer, and see you at the August activities.

CURRENT EVENTS

Connie has mentioned the major event for this month, the get together at the Fosselman's. You should give them a call to arrange for the food or what ever. The phone number is, 818/284-8642, address 520 Alahmar St., Alhambra. Remember August 11 at 4:00. Please try and attend. Connie has mentioned the Hawthorne Air Faire, more on this later in the letter.

"News From All Over"

This information comes from Ed Clark and we surely thank him for it. Chuck Wentworth of Antique Aero in Rialto is building a Fokker D-7 replica with a DeHavilland Gypsy Queen engine. This airplane will no doubt be seen in the movies and on TV. Al Pemberton will be bringing his award winning Tiger Moth to the Hawthorne Air Faire from Bakersfield, for the 60th Anniversary of the Tiger Moth. We reported that Don Noonan had recently acquired a Gypsy Moth, but neglected to mention he is also restoring a Travel-Air that he will power with a Continental engine. Dr. Bill Thibault has a big project going with his Tiger Moth, including building new wings and recovering. We will miss his Moth at the 60th Anniversary celebration. Dr. Thibault also has an original, and a replica Tommy Morse Scout. By the time you read this, Bill

Lawrence of Torrance Airport will have flown his Tiger Moth that he has been restoring. We are looking forward to seeing it at the Air Faire. Thanks for the info Ed.

Leo has submitted this information on the Hawthorne Air Faire August 24 and 25. We are truly blessed in having Leo in our group. This is one of the many events he is involved in (ed). This years event will be the largest event for the Air Faire, the theme is "Knights Of The Sky, Keepers Of The Peace". The salute to Desert Storm will feature all the types of vehicles used in Iraq. The Air Vice Marshall that led the British air war will be saluted along with the U.S. Generals. John Peters the pilot of the RAF Tornado who was shot down and featured in newspapers around the world will be present. This year we will have a first, a real "SCUD" missile on display.

Grumman will be honored for the 50th Anniversary of the TBM (Avenger), the Russian and U.S. Astronauts will be saluted for space achievements and most likely the first women to space-walk will be coming from Russia.

There will be many warbirds on display, if you would like to display your antique aircraft contact Leo Gay right away as space is limited. For those members displaying their aircraft, Leo has made arrangements for banquet tickets, if you buy one at \$60.00 you will get one free. The tickets will have to be purchased in advance.

If you are not displaying an aircraft and would like to get tickets for the banquet (held at the Proud Bird on Saturday August 24), call the Hawthorne Chamber of Commerce at 213/676-1163 **right away**.

For those members who want to stay overnight, special arrangements have been made with the Ramada Inn, 5250 El Segundo Blvd., tell them you are with the Air Faire and ask for their special rate. They will also pick you up at the airport. Phone 213/536-9800.

Leo Gay has also submitted this information on the Reno Air Races held this year September 12 - 15. The photo on the front page taken by Pete Magoski shows the engine of Lyle Shelton's Bearcat. Lyle replaced the P&W R-2800 with a Wright R-3350. The photo shows the compact installation plus the special prop and spinner. If you have never seen or heard Lyle's Bearcat then you must visit this years Reno Races. I talked to Lyle the other day and he is hard at work trying to get the "Cat" to go faster yet, Lyle hopes to win the 1991 unlimited race so that he will have 3 wins in a row. Darryl Greenamyer is the only other pilot to do this, Darryl won 5 in a row 1965-1969.

The Reno Air Races were started in 1964, Mira Slovak won the "64" race in a Bearcat. The races and airshow today are world famous, spectators come from all over the world to see them. Don't miss this years event.

FROM THE EDITOR

I will once again put on my membership "hat" and make the usual plea. **Please look at the label on your newsletter.** The expiration date of your dues is on the label. Please renew so that you catch up and pay through January 1992. I would like to avoid sending letters to each of you because postage is the major portion of our communications expense. My request for articles and photos payed off this month, we have two nice pieces of information and photos submitted by our members. Thanks for the help. For those of you that are contributing (or plan to contribute) to the newsletter, I will try and put all the information in just the way it is submitted, and again I remind you, I think most any information related to aviation is welcome. **I would also like to set some deadlines; for the months in which an event occurs early (prior to the 15th) I would like to have the information by the 25th of the preceding month. For all other months by the 5th. This is very critical if photos are included. Thanks for your consideration.**

I have just finished two books and recommend them for those of you that might like to read them. "Whistling Death", Boone T. Guyton; Mr. Guyton was the principal test pilot on the F4U (which incidentally was the test aircraft for the P&W R-2800 engine). Mr. Guyton is an easy to read, exciting writer. At no time did I have to struggle to get into the book. Really a good book, one that you should read. The other book is "The Boeing 247 The First Modern Commercial Airplane", Henry M. Holden. Mr. Holden has written a fine book that not only traces the history of the 247 but the Boeing Co. as well. His chapter on the Air Mail is quite good and he does a fine job with the history of the Air Mail. This book is loaded with pictures, and the chapters are small enough that one doesn't have to read and read before putting it down without feeling guilty.

On October 25, 26, and 27 there will be a salute to Desert Storm at the Santa Maria airport. There will be exhibits, fly-bys, and social events. Also, there will be a gathering of P-51's to celebrate the 51st Anniversary of their first flight.

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome this month Dave and Tami Hansen of Fontana. They own an RV4 N416DH.

Gerald and Sandra Gabe live in San Jose and fly a T-6.

FROM THE EDITOR

We welcome you and hope to see you at our events.

Quite often I receive a dues check from a member of VAA for a new member and no real information on the new member/s. Please try and send me a short "bio" so I can properly welcome them into our flock.

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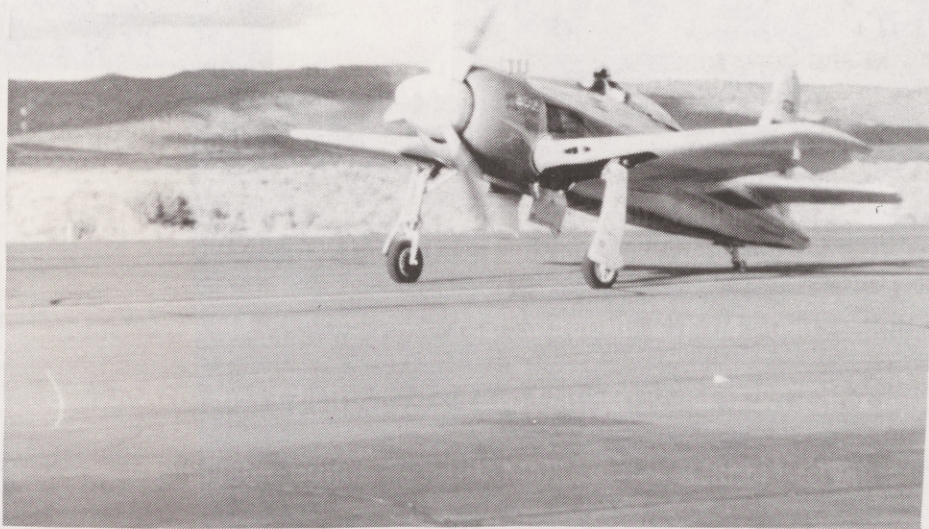
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Don't forget the Hawthorne Air Faire.

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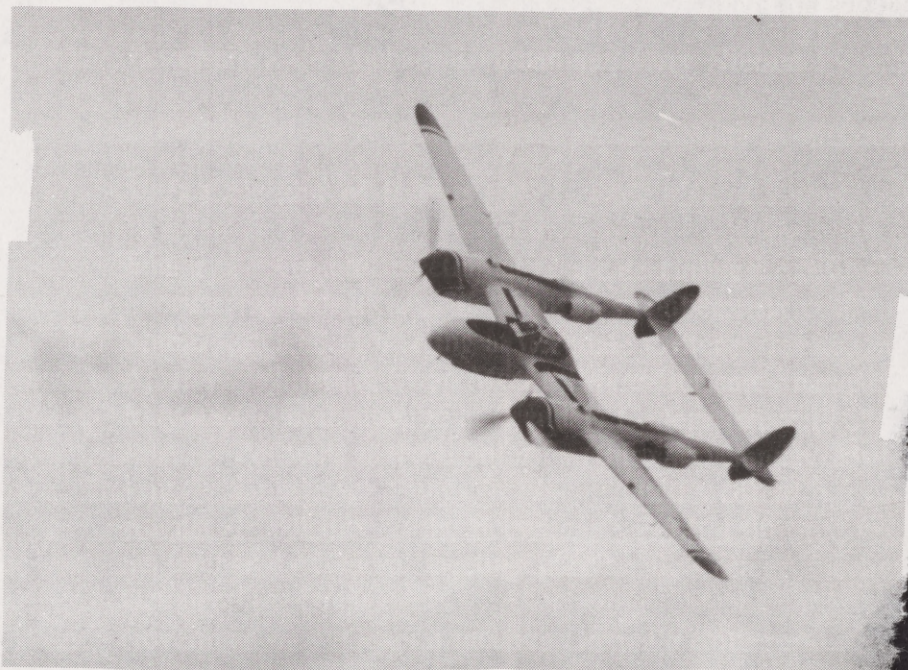
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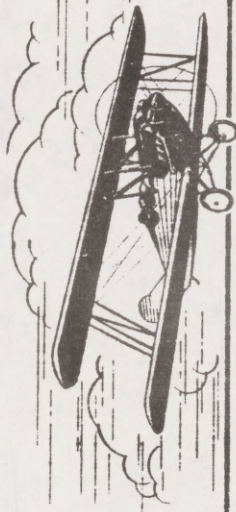
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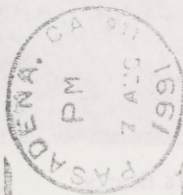
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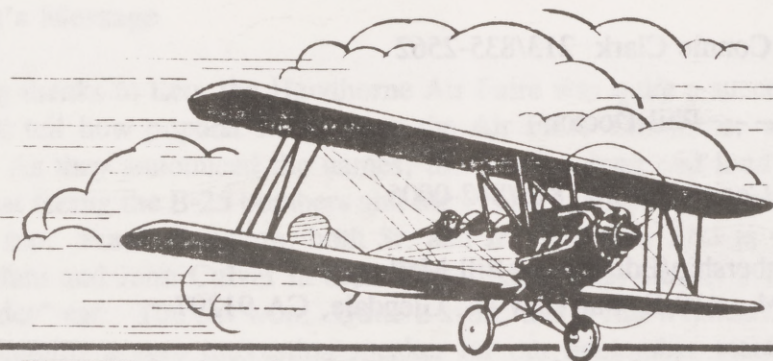
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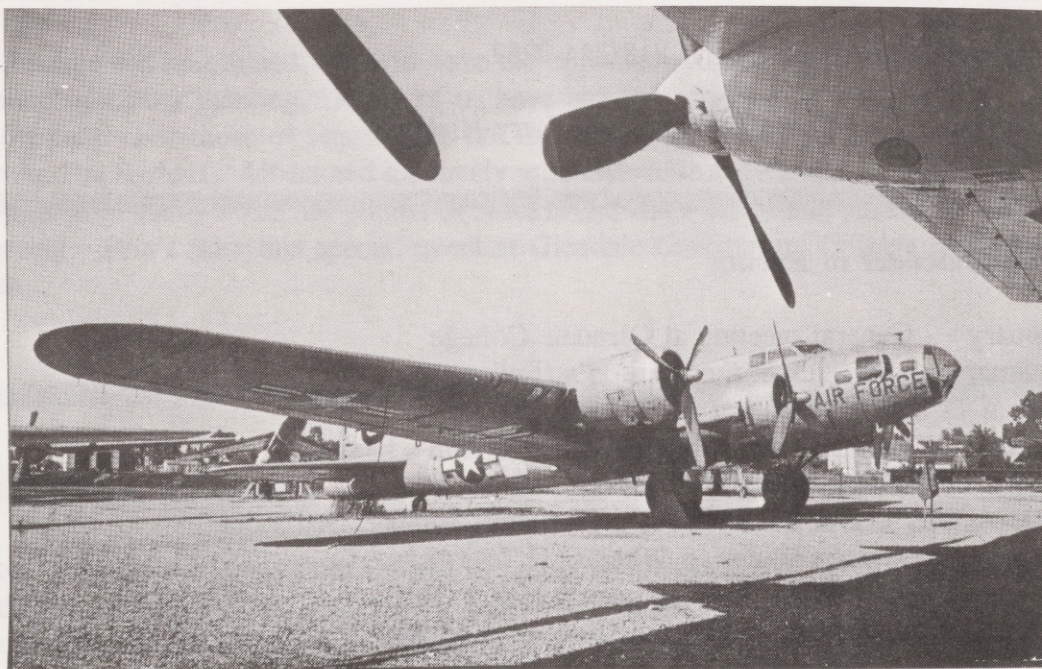
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President's Message

With a big thanks to Leo, the Hawthorne Air Faire was quite a success again this year. You could tell how popular he is when the Air Faire Committee was honored at the banquet. As they announced the names, there was a long and loud applause for Leo. It was great seeing the B-25 bombers and the P-51's again, and this year there was an A-26 flying too. Frank Compton, both Sr. and Jr. flew their SNJ in some fly-by's with Randy Difani and John Culver in their T6's. Also, John Culver's T-6 raced the "Fire and Thunder" car. The car won. Quite a sight, and a fun weekend.

We are planning a very interesting speaker for our September meeting, so mark your calendar now and plan to attend.

CURRENT EVENTS

As Connie has mentioned, we will have the opportunity to listen to Mr. Albert Bresnik at the September meeting. Many of us have had the privilege of meeting Mr. Bresnik in the past. For those of you that do not know him, he was the personal photographer for Amelia Earhart. Albert and his lovely wife Gabrielle are really a delight to meet and he will have some of the old photos of Amelia and other pilots and planes for sale at the meeting. Don't miss this special event at Glendale Community College on September 20th.

"News From All Over"

Most of this news comes from Connie this month. Thanks Connie. Club members Brian and Mary Goulding from England are vacationing in the USA and while here they visited the Hawthorne Air Faire. On Sunday, Brian and Mal Stratford had the opportunity to fly in the Confederate Air Force C-46 "China Doll" back to Camarillo Airport. As Mal has flown this type of aircraft, it was a special flight and one they almost missed. Ceci and Mal let Brian do the flying in their Piper on the way to Hawthorne and in the pattern Brian could see that the steps (of the C-46) were inside and the door was closed. After

a STOL type landing they quickly taxied to the C-46 just as smoke puffed from the port engine during the start. Yes, they did make it on board and enjoyed the flight.

Hawthorne Air Faire - For the 60th Anniversary of the Tiger Moth, there were two Tigers and a Hornet most at the Faire. The Tigers belonged to Dale Miller and Bill Lawrence. Ed Clark taxied his Hornet Moth all the way to the display (home airport). There was also a Tiger Moth from the Western Museum of Flight that was completely assembled including the engine, but uncovered. It was quite an interesting sight. Some other members seen at Hawthorne were Mel and Dotty Hefflinger and their Harlow, Hal Loomis and his Cessna Bird Dog, John Madison also with a Bird Dog, Mark Lightsey with his Bellanca, Lois and Elmer Ward, and Clay Lacy, both with P-51's. And Morgan Woodward was indeed fortunate to be invited for a flight in the P-51 from Canada. Bob and Elda Nielsen came back into town from Tehachapi for a visit. Also seen were Randy Difani and Charlie Spurrell. Sorry if we missed anyone. Along with the airplanes, there was radio controlled flying, and antique and classic cars including a Batmobile, and lots of military hardware - vehicles, tanks, a "Busted Scud" and a Patriot missile and its launcher. We also saw Frederic Arnold, who was a speaker at one of our club meetings, with his book "Doorknob Five Two". Thanks Leo for a great Air Faire.

Pot Luck at the Fosselman's - Our August Pot Luck at Jim and Kay Fosselman's home was indeed special. It was held on their lovely patio with a mountain view. Hamburgers were served barbecued to your order, and it is apparent that we have some very good cooks in the VAA. The accompanying food was also delicious. And of course we had some of the Fosselman's own ice cream - several flavors for desert, along with some other tempting goodies. It was a very relaxed, comfortable get-together with lots of hanger flying and just visiting.

Your editor received the following letter from Barbara Schultz. November 17 is the date for the great model Fly-In at our airport as can be seen on the flyer (Little Buttes Antique Airpark) ed. We would also like to incorporate our first real plane fly-in with it. Actually, it would be just a one day get-together of those that would like to visit our little airport and watch the modelers at the same time. We are on the sectional, 5 miles NW of Fox. If anyone is interested, please contact me so when the time draws near for the function, I can give out any details for arrivals or whatever. It would be great to have a nice display of full scales. I am including Barbara's address for those that might want to contact her. It is PO Box 2043, Lancaster, CA 93539. This sounds like a really great event, one that we might like to attend. Thanks for the invite. Leo Gay wants to apologize to Phillip and Barbara Schultz for not acknowledging their contribution of \$50.00 to the organization last year. Please accept this late thank you from Leo and all of us.

FROM THE EDITOR

I have asked for news items in the past, I can state with assurance, my requests are paying off. I received the following from Frank Compton regarding the Santa Ynez "Wings n Wheels" event. Frank, I am sorry it did not make the last letter, I received it the day the August letter was mailed. I thank you and will try and do justice to your reporting. For the rest of us, please send in the letters, pictures, etc.

Santa Ynez "91". Best weather, best turnout for the annual "Wings and Wheels" fly-in, roll-in at Santa Ynez this year was enjoyed by all. Aircraft and cars arrived as early as Friday morning for the three day event. The vintage automobiles, motorcycles, and military vehicle count was 55. The aircraft count (taken early Saturday morning) was 65. The different types by count are too numerous to mention here but ranged from 6 Stearmans thru T-28's to a Funk and on to a dozen or so more recent production models such as Cherokees etc. Drivers, pilots, and guests assembled at Santa Ynez airport early Saturday morning for the "Grand Tour" through the hill country. By 9:30 a mile long string of magnificent old machines were winding along the back roads. First stop was a coffee and Danish break at the Firestone Winery. Next stop was at the Flag Is Up Arabian horse farm where we had lunch. Here in the center of the grounds, surrounded by lots of trees and cool green grass, box lunches and cold drinks awaited our arrival. Following lunch the old cars were inspected and photographed. The weather was perfect and the cars performed flawlessly. Arriving back at the airport around 3:30 Saturday afternoon we were greeted by a Piper Cub fly-over. The Piper Club who were having their annual Cub bash at nearby Lompoc managed to get eleven of the 30 plus Cubs airborne and flew over in Vee formation, a salute to the Wings and Wheels group. The left side of the Vee was "military precision" while the right side was a bit scattered. Obviously the new guys were on the right - right? All in all the Cub fly over was well executed and appreciated by all. Saturday evening the local EAA chapter hosted a "Santa Maria style" bar-b-q for the Wings and Wheels group. 290 people attended the hanger cook-out. A socially significant evening developed; moderate libation, great food, music by the Corn City Philharmonic Group and hanger flying at its best filled out the evening, closing an absolutely great day. By 9:00 Sunday morning the ground fog dissipated and one more time car folks and airplane people met at the EAA hanger. This time for a ranch style breakfast with all the fixins. Following breakfast the group wandered down

to the flight line where the pilots took the car folks for a joy ride around the Santa Ynez valley in appreciation for the grand auto tour.

Frank, thank you so much for this. I did not make the trip, but I assure you I will next year, and after your vivid description, I know that others will also.

Read another good book this past month. "Hawker, Aviator, Designer, Test Pilot", published by Orion books. Author is L.K. Blackmore. A wonderful book about an extraordinary individual. If you want to know more about Harry Hawker and his life, this is your book.

It is with sorrow that we report the passing of Leigh Wade, Major General USAF (Ret). earlier this month. General Wade was the sole surviving member of the famous around the world flight of the Douglas World Cruisers in 1924. The average speed of the aircraft was about 70 MPH and the average cruising altitude was 2,000 feet. General Wade was 94 years old at his passing.

I received this bit of information about our member Dave Davidson. He just completed the first solo crossing of the Atlantic in an open cockpit airplane, his own home-built Charger. Congrats Dave.

By the time you receive this letter, one of our members will have undergone surgery, and we hope Earl Collins will be home and recuperating soon. Get well soon Earl, Dorothy I know you will take good care of him.

I received a nice note from Elizabeth Dinan, they have moved to San Louis Obispo. Elizabeth says give them a call if you are in the area. Phone 805/545-8663. They live just 4 miles from the airport. Members living in the area, contact the Dinan's.

Once again I ask you to look at your mailing label, check the date and send in enough dues to bring you up to date to January 1992. Many of you are more than a year behind in payment of dues. The cost of just sending out the newsletter takes at least 1 1/2 months individual dues per issue (postage, litho, printing). Thanks for your cooperation.

Next month I am planning to feature one of our members. Try and guess who this person is. I am sure you will want to read about him/her.

NEW MEMBERS

This month we welcome Roland and Cathy Wilson. They live in Burbank. Again, I ask you if you enroll a member, send in or encourage them to send in a biographical sketch. When you attend meetings introduce yourself so we can get to know you. Welcome Roland and Cathy.

FUTURE EVENTS

This month should be titled the Confusion Events. At any rate, here goes. In addition to the invitation mentioned earlier from Phillip and Barbara Schultz, we have several other coming events that need mentioning.

First, there will be no meeting in October. Instead we will have an early November function to take the place of the October event. This will be a Veterans Celebration at the General Patton Museum at Chiriaco Summit. This event will take place November 9, 10, and 11. There will be a Swap Meet, WW II reenactment groups, and veterans from General Patton's Army. General Patton used the airfield at Chiriaco for his personal flying. There will be camping (RV, tent) facilities and portable restrooms for this function. For those that wish to fly in, I am enclosing a copy of the chart from the Flight Guide. Please mark this date and remember it is taking the place of our October meeting.

The VAA has also been invited to Brackett Field on October 6 for an Open House. This is a Sunday and there is no airshow so the field will not be closed during the day. It will begin at 10:00. They will also have old cars if any of our members would like to drive in and put their car on display. I understand there is a nice restaurant on the field. Aircraft will be guarded by the Civil Air Patrol. If you need information call Alice Marshall at 818/449-1573.

One last item of future information. Leo and June Gay have agreed to host the Christmas Party again this year. The date has been set at December 21st.

Please mark these dates on your calendar and try to attend all or most of them.

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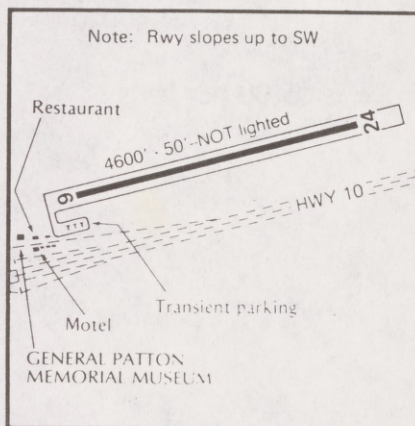
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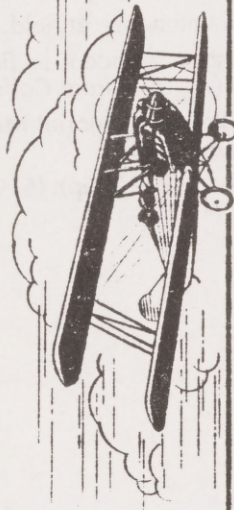
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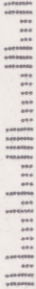
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1991 Calendar of Events

January - - General meeting at Glendale College

February - - Pot luck at the Johnson's (Fullerton)

March - - General meeting at Glendale College

April - - Whiteman Swap Meet at Marc Herman's hangar

May - - General meeting at Glendale College May 17, 7:30

June - - Pot luck at the Stratford's (Burbank) Sunday 23rd 3:30

July - - Santa Ynez Wings 'n Wheels (12,13,14)

August - - Pot luck at the Fosselman's 11th 4:00

September - - General meeting at Glendale College

October - - - Open

November - - General meeting at Glendale College (November 15, 7:00 p.m.)

December - - - Christmas Party

President's Message

We had a very wonderful meeting in September, with films and photographs of Amelia Earhart, and lots of memories of her from Mr. Albert Bresnik, her personal photographer. It was also interesting to hear his comments about her last flight. We appreciate so much having Albert and his wife sharing all of this with us.

There are several activities planned in the future, and one of them has already happened, the Open House at Brackett Field. I hope that some of you made it. I also hope that you will be able to participate in our coming events (ed. note: these require a lot of planning and advance work), so keep your newsletter for reference, as well, mark the dates on your calendar.

The October (late) will be the meeting at Chiriaco. This was the field used by General Patton and is the site of the Patton Museum. Please call Leo Gay at 818/244-9787 if you plan or would like to go to this location. Dates November 9, 10, and 11.

Remember the November meeting at Glendale College and the Christmas Party.

CURRENT EVENTS

In addition to the events mentioned above (which will be covered in detail) the main event for the **general meeting at Glendale College, November 15, 1991** will be a presentation by Mr. Celeste King. Mr. King was one of the original Tuskegee Airmen. Some of us have heard the TA talk, Mr. King tells it as it really was. Please plan to attend and enjoy this WWII hero. **Remember, November 15 at 7:00 p.m.**

"News From All Over"

Very little information has come my way this past month. I must say that I enjoy the letter and enjoy doing it, but I must have input to do a really good job. I promised you at the outset, that I would feature (or like to) an individual each month or so. I have not done well since I have not had too much input. This month I am featuring Mal Stratford, a WWII Vet. Mal and I first met - - - , I was super impressed since I had

grown up with P-38's in my back-yard. He and his wife Ceci have taken a special place in my life, the place that if I had not met them - - - - .

I asked Mal for a bio, he gave me a book that he had written called Mal Stratford at War.

This might not be a bad idea for all of us that wish to pass a legacy.

Mal is a California native, being born in Los Angeles and raised in Bakersfield . where he became interested in airplanes. His family moved back to LA and near the Santa Monica Airport which started a life long love for aircraft.

Mal Went to Cal Berkeley and then due to the depression returned to LA and a Job at Security Bank.

I will pick up the story at this point. Mal completed basic training and went on to learn to fly all of the aircraft required for rating at the time.

Mal tells of his experience in the Pacific, of his desire to take the war to the enemy. If one reads the stories, tales, etc., he will find that the Pacific is void of really hero type war. This is not true, we know of the B-17's, B-24's etc. that fought there. Mal was no exception. At least he survived the war and went on to make a name in commercial aviation as well.

Mal flew cargo out of Burbank until another war entered his life. Korea found Mal flying courier missions and cargo to Korea.

He met and gave flight instruction to his wife Cecilia and together they fly their Piper Cherokee above, around, and through the congestion that those that are earthbound must endure.

Mal, as Veterans Day approaches, and being a vet of Korea and Vietnam, I salute you and those of yours that gave of their lives so that we might be free.

Please say hello to your Sergeant-at-Arms, Mal Stratford.

FROM THE EDITOR

This is a truly an abbreviated issue. I have tried to feature Mal Stratford in this issue. If we really look at the Pacific we will find that those like Mal that flew the B-17 and B-24 were the aces that never got the credit they deserved.

As you will see in the letter, one of the coming events is the Christmas Party. It will be held again at Leo and June Gay's. The date will be December 21 at 6:00 p.m.. Those that wish to attend should call June prior to December 7 at 818/244-9787 or by mail at

440 Florena Ct., Glendale, CA 91208. If you have not attended a Christmas party at the Gay's, you are missing a real treat. This year, Leo has a real surprise for all that show up.

NEW MEMBERS

Last month we welcomed Phillip and Cathy Wilson. We have more information now. They are friends of Mal and Ceci Stratford and are looking for a Piper Cherokee etc. They like aviation videos and flying events.

R.C. Czapiewski (Chappy). A guy I have learned to love and respect. "Chappy" is the "Big Gun" behind the foundation of an aviation museum in Burbank. Welcome.

Bob and Carol Curtin. Have a Tiger Moth at Carefree Airport, AZ. Bob is a retired contractor and at one time put on airshows. He and his wife put on shows at one time, both wearing British uniforms and helmets while the band played "God Save The Queen".

FUTURE EVENTS

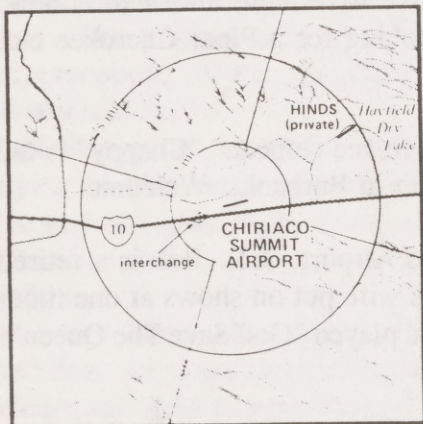
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I also would like to again direct your attention to the prior announcement of the Christmas party

Also, for those that want to go to the Patton Museum I have enclosed a map. You should call Leo Gay to affirm your commitment.

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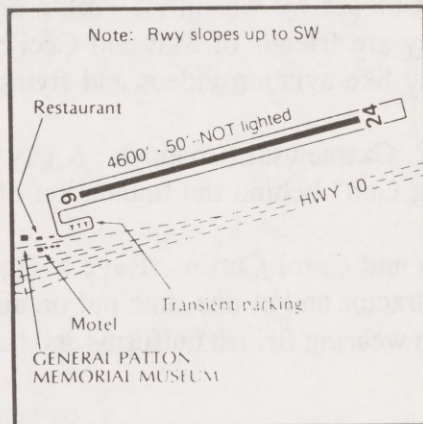
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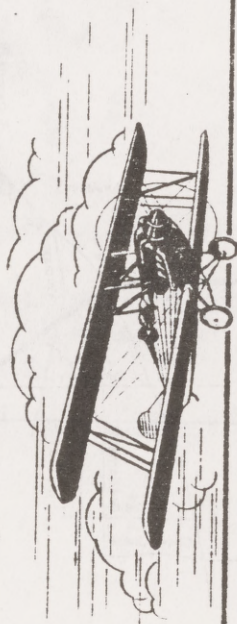
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